



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5978**

LCO No. 497



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
REP. BARAM, 15<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL CRUELTY OFFENDER  
REGISTRY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to create an animal cruelty
- 2 offender registry to be administered by the Judicial Department, that
- 3 would be maintained for two years for first-time offenders and five
- 4 years for repeat offenders, to require breeders and sellers of cats and
- 5 dogs to check the registry before the sale or transfer of an animal and
- 6 to provide that refusal to sell or transfer to an offender on the registry
- 7 would be legally justified.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide a registry database of convicted animal abusers that can be accessed and searched by law enforcement agencies in order to prevent continued animal abuse and to help deter crimes against persons.